

MILWAUKEE COUNTY ETHICS BOARD

Thursday, February 18, 2010

3:00 P.M.

Courthouse, Room 203-R

Present: David Carr, Chairman
Rebecca Blemberg, Vice Chair
Paul Hinkfuss
Henry Hamilton
Christian Flores

Also present: Robert Andrews, Deputy Corporation Counsel
Veronica W. Robinson, Executive Director Appointee

1.0 Roll Call

Roll call was taken. All were present and there was a quorum.

2.0 Approval of the Minutes for the Meeting of November 12, 2009

Mr. Hamilton moved, Mr. Flores seconded, and the Board, by vote (5-0), approved the minutes for the meeting of November 12, 2009 as written.

3.0 Report of the Chairman

3.1 Request for Confidential Advisories

3.2 Status Report on Confidential Complaints

Ms. Blemberg moved, Mr. Hinkfuss seconded and the Board voted (5-0), pursuant to Section 19.85(1) (f), Wis. Stats, to meet in closed session to discuss “*Item 3.1- Requests for Confidential Advisories,*” and, “*3.2 - Status Report on Confidential Complaints.*” Upon reconvening in open session, Chairman Carr stated he would respond in writing to the inquiries on behalf of the Board.

3.3 Reports on Lobbyists- Lobbyist Registration Reports, 4th Quarter 2009

The Board reviewed the Lobbyist Registration Reports, 4th Quarter 2009, from County Clerk Czarnecki dated January 4, 2010. The report was received and placed on file. No action was required.

4.0 Report from the Interim Executive Director

4.1 Status Report for 2010 Statement of Economic Interests Filers

The Interim Executive Director reported that there were 296 filers of Statements of Economic Interests for 2010. Staff had completed the reviews of the statements for completeness and all those required to file had done so, with the exception of late filers. A copy of the listing of all filers by department was provided to the Board.

4.2 2010 Statement of Economic Interests Late Filers

The Interim Executive Director reported that there were seven late filers who were expected to file shortly. Late notices had been sent to all late filers.

4.3 Status Report on Ethics Board Training Contract with Centofanti Phillips, S.C.

The Interim Executive Director reported that the funding for the training contract with Centofanti Phillips, S. C. had been approved before the Milwaukee County Finance Committee in December 2009 and the funding was placed in the Ethics Board Budget. However, due to a processing error, the funding for the training contract was not carried over to the 2010 Ethics Board budget. Therefore the funds had lapsed back into the general fund. Staff is currently working with the Department of Administrative Services to rectify the error. Chairman Carr stated he would request in writing that Centofanti Phillips, S.C. cease all work on the training contract until the funding issue has been resolved.

4.4 Ethics Board Member Attendance Report for 2009

A copy of the attendance report of each Board member was distributed for their information.

4.5 2010 Adopted Ethics Board Budget

A copy of the adopted 2010 Budget was distributed to the Board for their information.

5.0 Election of Officers

Chairman Carr stated that the Board was required to elect new officers at the first meeting of the year under the By-Laws. He called for nominations for Chairman and Vice Chair

***MOTION** Ms. Blemberg nominated David Carr as Chairman and Mr. Hinkfuss seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote (5-0).*

***MOTION** Ms. Blemberg nominated Paul Hinkfuss as Vice Chair and Mr. Flores seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote (5-0).*

6.0 Adjournment

Chairman Carr reminded the Board that the next scheduled meeting has been set for Thursday, April 29, 2010 at 3:00 PM in room 203-R of the Milwaukee County Courthouse.

Mr. Hinkfuss moved, Ms. Blemberg seconded and the Board voted (5-0) to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "H. Caper", written in black ink.

Harriet Caper, Interim Executive Director